

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1 and 14 will have been amended, while claims 5, 9-13, 18, and 19 will have been canceled.

In view of the herein contained amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action, together with an indication of the allowability of all of the claims pending in the present application.

Applicants further wish to thank Examiner Maki for his outstanding courtesy and cooperation exhibited during the short telephone call conducted on May 27, 2004. During the above-noted call, Applicants undersigned representative discussed the features of the present invention and the advantages thereof with respect to the prior art. The Examiner noted that he would need to further review the application in view the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph rejections, Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection, however Applicants have amended claims 1 and 14 in order to expedite prosecution. In this regard, claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite that the air pressure is

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